



Bill Schultz presented Mr. Scott Jewitt of the Northern Illinois Food Bank a check for \$502.55 raised during our charity drive. This enough to provide 3500 meals. We can be very proud of the initiative the Bill spearheaded from concept to completion. His perseverance and strong support by many club members made it all happen. We probaly should start thinking about our next project



This month Bill Schultz will present a talk on collecting Post Cards (sometimes refered to as "postcardy" or in more formal terms "Deltiology" from Greek *δελτίον*, *deltion*, diminutive of *δέλτος*, *deltos*, "writing tablet, letter"; and *-λογία*, *-logia*). An interesting website on the subject is <http://www.postcardy.com/>.



Local Interest Post Card about the time the club was founded

The treasury has \$3195.98 subtracting the donation to the food bank.

Next Meeting:

*Tuesday, 7 pm
26 June 2012
at the
Grayslake Area
Public Library
100 Library Lane
Grayslake, IL*

Plight of the United States Postal Service (and the nation in general) — With the gridlock in Washington, a good number of our elected leaders are puffing out their chests and talking tough about balancing the budget. They all are for eliminating wasteful spending, having the government live within its means. This is all very interesting, but when it comes to actually cutting a program, they can't because pretty much any proposed cut would affect some voting block back home.

Closer to home and hobby, is the fact that the USPS is losing a about \$25 million a day and instead of forcing it to operate within its means, the Senate recently approved giving it a \$34 billion subsidy. In general, while the post office deserves much the of blame for its financial problems, so should our Congress that wouldn't allow the Postal Service to close post offices, cut employees and take other steps to improve its financial circumstance. Congress and the USPS have known for years that the Postal Service has needed to adjust its modes of operations, but has bent to pressure from constituents and employees in areas where service might be cut or to protect postal jobs back home. Both the House and Senate have reportedly proposed plans that would limit the number of post offices closed by the Postal Service, which in the words of Postmaster General/USPS CEO Patrick Donahoe "The Senate proposal would stop the Postal Service from saving \$20 billion ...".

In the House, Republicans describe the Senate proposal as a "spending binge" that does nothing to reform an agency losing money every day and propose a bill that allows the postmaster to cut services, close offices, raise fees and force existing postal employees to pay for their own retirement – and they are correct; but they will not those allow cuts in their districts.

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TRI-PEX '12

*St. Aloysius Gonzaga Hall
1435 S 92nd ST
West Allis WI
June 23-24*

MSDA Summer Show

*Comfort Inn & Suites
600 Milwaukee Ave
Prospect Heights, IL
July 14 and 15*